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Application of: Yang, Yinong

Serial No.: 10/768,886

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For: Mitogen-Activated Protein Kinase
And Methods for Use to Enhance Biotic
And Abiotic Stress Tolerance in Plants

Art Unit: 1638

Examiner: Vinod Kumar

Atty Docket No.: UAF-03-14

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND
AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.121**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action filed on September 7, 2006, Applicant submits the following items: (i) Complete Listing of Claims (pp. 2-10) and (ii) Remarks (pp. 11-18). Because the following Response is being submitted within the three (3) months shortened statutory period, no fee is deemed due.